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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRN, SENV, UK, FR

SUBJ: CONCORDE

REF: PARIS 12021 NOTAL

1. BINNING, DG, CONCORDE PROJECT, DEPT OF INDUSTRY, CALLED US TO EXPLAIN PURPOSE OF TRIP BY HIMSELF AND LATHIERE TO US BEGINNING MAY 21 (REFTEL). ACCORDING TO BINNING, BRITISH AND FRENCH ARE AGREED THAT IDEA OF SERIES OF TEN FLIGHTS TO JFK IS A NON-STARTER. PROPOSAL THEY NOW WANT TO DISCUSS WITH USG AND AIRPORT AUTHORITIES IS SINGLE CONCORDE FLIGHT FROM PARIS TO BOSTON FOLLOWED BY SINGLE FLIGHT FROM LONDON OR PARIS TO NEW YORK. ARGUMENT THEY WILL PROBABLY MAKE IS THAT PREPARATIONS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE STATE OF READINESS FOR CONCORDE FLIGHT TO BOSTON (IN RESPONSE TO INVITATION) ARE SUCH THAT IT WOULD NOT BE WORTH EFFORT INVOLVED UNLESS SECOND FLIGHT TO US ALSO PROGRAMMED. THEY WILL SAY PURPOSE IN FLYING TO JFK WILL BE TO PROVIDE PORT OF  
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NEW YORK AUTHORITY WITH ACTUAL DATA RELATING TO NOISE

LEVELS OF CONCORDE OPERATIONS.

2. ALTHOUGH BINNING DID NOT SAY SO, WE SUSPECT THAT HE IS UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE FROM FRENCH ON ONE HAND AND INDUSTRY SECRETARY BENN AND BAC ON THE OTHER TO GET APPROVAL FOR AT LEAST TWO CONCORDE FLIGHTS TO US, ONE OF WHICH WOULD LAND AT JFK. WE TOLD BINNING THAT WHILE SINGLE FLIGHTS TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK WAS DIFFERENT PROPOSITION THAN SERIES OF TEN FLIGHTS INTO NEW YORK, WE COULD NOT GIVE HIM ANY ASSURANCES THAT PROBLEMS OUTLINED BY TRANSPORTATION UNDER SECRETARY BARNUM TO MINISTER OF STATE FOR INDUSTRY, LORD BESWICK, AND BY FAA ASSEM ADMINISTRATOR CARY TO BINNING AND OTHERS (LONDON A-448) COULD BE OVERCOME ANY EASIER FOR TWO FLIGHTS THAN FOR TEN.

3. ON OTHER CONCORDE DEVELOPMENTS, WORKER PRESSURES ON GOVERNMENT TO CARRY OUT CONCORDE PROGRAM CONTINUE TO BE EXERTED. TRADE UNION CONGRESS (TUC) HAS NOW GONE ON RECORD AS FULLY IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUING PROJECT AND DELEGATION OF UNION LEADERS FROM BRISTOL AREA HAVE ANNOUNCED THEY WILL CALL ON INDUSTRY SECRETARY BENN IN NEXT FEW DAYS TO TELL HIM THEY "WILL FIGHT TO ENSURE THAT PROJECT GOES ON."

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